

13 (Amended). An isolated polypeptide which is capable of binding to RIP and modulating or mediating the intracellular activity of RIP, which polypeptide comprises:

(a) a RIP-associated protein (RAP) encoded by a DNA sequence in a clone deposited with Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes under accession number I-2706;

(b) a fragment of (a) which binds to RIP;

B1 (c) an analog of (a) having no more than ten changes in the amino acid sequence of (a), each said change being a substitution, deletion or insertion of an amino acid, which analog binds to RIP; or

(d) a derivative of (a), (b) or (c) by modification of a functional group which occurs as a side chain or an N- or C-terminal group of one or more amino acid residues thereof without changing one amino acid to another of the twenty commonly-occurring natural amino acids, which derivative binds to RIP.

B2 15 (Amended). A polypeptide according to claim 13, which comprises the amino acid sequence of (b).

16 (Amended). A composition comprising the polypeptide according to claim 13, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Insert new claim 29 as follows: